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Soviet Aim Studied

A STATEMENT made recently by Robert Amory Jr., Deputy Director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, takes on new significance as the Foreign Ministers of 15 North Atlantic Treaty Organization Nations open their meeting in Washington today. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss German reunification and the Russian threat to Berlin.

In a little publicized speech delivered before a University of South Carolina study group on March 3, Amory said that the Soviet Union is not ready to risk a major nuclear war, but that Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev "expects to force us to chicken out."

"If the West is resolute, then I believe that the Soviet Union—by hook or crook—will be the one to back down," the speaker declared.

President Eisenhower recently made it plain that the Western allies will not back down in the face of a Russian threat of nuclear war. The reasoning is that any such threat would be essentially, as Amory has indicated, a bluff. Nonetheless, in Amory's view, the Russians are negotiating from confidence. "The goal," he said, is to take over Berlin (identified as a 'needle' to the Reds because of its high pro-Western standards) and consolidate East Germany. They think they hold the trumps because their action is peaceful. It's a case of 'here we go, here we come.' "

The outlook for the long-range future, says the chief aide to CIA boss Allen Dulles, is challenge. The Russians are thinking in terms of a 30-year period, or longer. He emphasized that the Reds "think in large gobs of time."

Since Stalin's death the Reds have made an "about-face rivaling anything in history without compulsion from the outside," Amory said. It would follow that the race now is not necessarily to the swift or to the strong, but the most determined.

Prince Peter Kropotkin, a Russian revolutionist and anarchist who lived in the Nineteenth Century and the early part of the Twentieth, constantly urged his followers to "take the long view" when considering the Russian revolutionary movement. And that is what the Communists do now in planning the world revolution.

The NATO Foreign Ministers, as they begin their momentous session today, no doubt will keep that fact in mind.

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